Hoellen tells all: He was a 'burglar'

Ald. John J. Hoellen, Republican mayoral candidate, said Monday that he took part in a number of burglaries as a Navy counter intelligence officer in Cincinnati in World War II.

"I did second-story work," said Hoellen, adding that "I was in better physical shape then."

Hoellen stressed that burglaries were legal during wartime under the Espionage Act and that "in time of war, it is the thing to do."

Hoellen told of his spy activity as he blasted Chicago police for spying on civic groups and for keeping dossiers on hundreds of civic leaders, journalists and politicians, including Hoellen.